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AT the Court at *Kenſington*, the 7th Day of *July*, 1756.

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

THIS Day the Right Honourable Robert Lord Raymond, was, by His Majeſty's Command, Sworn of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

His Majeſty in Council was this Day pleaſed to Order, That the Parliament which ſtands adjourned to Thurſday the Fifteenth of this Inſtant July, ſhould be prorogued to Tueſday the Seventeenth Day of Auguſt next.

By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

Appointing the Diſtribution of Prizes taken, and the Bounty for Taking or Deſtroying Ships of War or Privateers of the Enemy, from the Time of His Majeſty's Declaration of War againſt France.

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WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, "An Act for the Encouragement of Sea-"men, and the more ſpeedy and effectual Mann-"ing His Majeſty's Navy;" it is, amongſt other Things, enacted, That the Flag Officers, Commanders and other Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Soldiers, on Board every Ship and Veſſel of War, in Our Pay, ſhall have the ſole Intereſt and Property of and in all and every Ship, Veſſel, Goods, and Merchandizes, which they ſhall take from and after the Seventeenth Day of May, in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty ſix, during the Continuance of this War againſt France (being firſt adjudged lawful Prize in any of Our Courts of Admiralty in Great-Britain, or in Our Plantations in America, or elſewhere) to be divided in ſuch Proportions, and after ſuch Manner, as We, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, ſhall think fit to order and direct by Proclamation or Proclamations, to be iſſued for thoſe Purpoſes. And as a further Encouragement to the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others, on Board Our Ships of War, as alſo of Privateers, to attack, take, and deſtroy, any Ships of Force belonging to the Enemy, it is thereby alſo enacted, That there ſhall be paid by the Treaſurer of Our Navy, upon Bills to be made forth by the Commiſſioners of the Navy, to be paid according to the Courſe thereof, without Fee or Reward, unto the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, or others, that ſhall have been actually on Board any of Our Ship or Ships of War, or Privateer or Privateers, in any Action where any Ship or Ships of War, or Privateers, ſhall have been taken from the Enemy, ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, ſince Our Declaration of War againſt France, dated the ſaid Seventeenth Day of May, One thouſand ſeven hundred and fifty ſix, Five Pounds for every Man which was living on Board any Ship or Ships ſo taken, ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, at the Beginning of the Engagement between them; the Numbers of ſuch Men to be proved by the Oaths of Three or more of the Chief Officers or Men which were belonging to the ſaid Ship or Ships of War, or Privateers, of the Enemy, or belonging to any of them, at the Time of her or their being taken as Prize, ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, before the Mayor, or other Chief Magiſtrate of the Port, within any of Our Dominions, whereunto any Prize, or Officers, or Men, of ſuch Ships as were ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, ſhall be brought, or before the Britiſh Conſul, or Vice Conſul, reſiding at any Neutral Port to which ſuch Prize, or Officers, or Men, ſhall be brought; which Oaths the ſaid Mayor, or other Chief Magiſtrate of any ſuch Port, or Conſul, or Vice Conſul, are thereby reſpectively impowered and required to adminiſter, and ſhall forthwith grant a Certificate thereof, without Fee or Reward, directed to the Commiſſioners of the Navy; upon producing which Certificate to the Commiſſioners of Our Navy, together with an authentick Copy of the Condemnation of ſuch Ship ſo taken, or if ſuch Ship be ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, on producing only a Certificate from the Mayor, or other Chief Magiſtrate, or Conſul, or Vice Conſul, as aforeſaid, the ſaid Commiſſioners of Our Navy, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, ſhall, according to the Courſe

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Courſe of the Navy, within Fifteen Days, make out Bills for the Amount of ſuch Bounty, directed to the Treaſurer of the Navy, payable to, and to be divided amongſt the Officers, Seamen, Marines and Soldiers, on Board Our Ships of War, in Manner, Form, and Proportion, as by Our Proclamation, to be iſſued for that Purpoſe, ſhall be directed and appointed; and amongſt the Owners, Officers, and Seamen, of any private Veſſel or Ship of War, in ſuch Manner and Proportion, as by any Agreement in Writing they ſhall have entered into for that Purpoſe, ſhall be directed: But it is nevertheleſs provided by the ſaid Act, that in all Caſes where ſuch Oath and Certificate cannot be adminiſtered and granted, at the firſt Port whereunto any Prize, or Officers, or Men of ſuch Ships as ſhall be taken, ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, ſhall be brought, ſuch Oath or Oaths relating to any Prize or Prizes that ſhall be taken, or to any Ships of Our Enemies, that ſhall be ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed as aforeſaid, ſhall and may be adminiſtered and taken by and before the Mayor or other Chief Magiſtrate of any Port within any of Our Dominions, or by or before the Britiſh Conſul, or Vice Conſul, reſiding at any Neutral Port whereunto any Prize or Prizes, or Officers, or Men, of any Ships belonging to Our Enemies as ſhall be taken, ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed, ſhall at any Time afterwards be brought (Proof being firſt made, by Affidavit before ſuch Perſon or Perſons of the Inability of making ſuch Oath or Oaths, and obtaining ſuch Certificate at the ſaid firſt Port) and the Mayor, or other Chief Magiſtrate, Conſul, or Vice Conſul, ſhall thereupon grant ſuch Certificate and Certificates as are therein before directed; which Certificate and Certificates ſhall be good and effectual, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame were granted by the Mayor or other Chief Magiſtrate, Conſul, or Vice Conſul, of the Port to which ſuch Prize or Prizes, Officers, or Men, as aforeſaid, ſhall be firſt brought; any Thing in the ſaid Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. We taking the Premiſſes into Conſideration, do, purſuant to the ſaid Act of Parliament (with the Advice of Our Privy Council,) by this Our Proclamation, order, direct, and appoint, That the Neat Produce of all Prizes taken by Our Ships of War, and Bounty Money for the taking, ſinking, burning, or otherwiſe deſtroying the Enemies Ships of War, or Privateers, be divided into Eight equal Parts, and be diſtributed in Manner following; that is to ſay, To the Captain or Captains of any of Our Ships of War, who ſhall be actually on Board at the taking of any Prize, or at the taking, ſinking, burning, or deſtroying any of the Enemies Ships of War, or Privateers, Three Eighth Parts; but in Caſe any ſuch Prize ſhall be taken, or Ship of War, or Privateer, of the Enemy be taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, by any of Our Ship or Ships of War, under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag Officer or Officers being actually on Board, or directing and aſſiſting in the Capture, to have One of the ſaid Three Eighth Parts; the ſaid One Eighth Part to be paid to ſuch Flag or Flag Officers, in ſuch Proportions, and ſubject to ſuch Regulations, as are herein after for that Purpoſe mentioned: To the Captains of Marines and Land Forces, Sea Lieutenants and Maſter, on Board any ſuch Ships, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Lieutenants and Quarter Maſters of Marines, and Lieutenants, Enſigns, and Quarter Maſters of Land Forces, Boatſwain, Gunner, Purſer, Carpenter, Maſter's Mate, Chirurgeon, Pilot, and Chaplain, on Board any ſuch Ship, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Midſhipmen, Secretary to Flag Officers, Captain's Clerk, Maſter Sail Maker, Carpenter's Mates, Boatſwain's Mates, Gunner's Mates, Maſter at Arms, Corporals, Yeomen of the Sheets, Coxſwain, Quarter Maſters, Quarter Maſter's Mates, Chirurgeon's Mates, Yeomen of the Powder Room, and Serjeants of Marines, or Land Forces, on Board any ſuch Ships, One Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongſt them: To the Trumpeters, Quarter Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunſmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marine or other Soldiers, and all other Perſons doing Duty, or aſſiſting on Board any ſuch Ships, Two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongſt them: And in caſe any Sea Captain, inferior Commiſſion or Warrant Sea Officers, belonging to any Ship of War, for whom any Shares of Prizes, or of the Bounty Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, are hereby allowed, be abſent at the Time of the Capture of any Prize, or at the Capture, Burning, Sinking, or Deſtroying, any Ships of War, or Privateers, of the Enemy, the Share of ſuch Sea Captain, inferior Commiſſion or Warrant Sea Officer, ſhall be caſt into the Shares hereby allowed to the Trumpeters, Quarter Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunſmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Marine or other Soldiers, and other Perſons doing Duty, or aſſiſting on Board any ſuch Ships, to be equally divided amongſt them. Provided, That if any Officer or Officers on Board any of Our Ships of War, at the Time of taking any ſuch Prizes, or at the taking, ſinking, burning, or deſtroying, any Ships of War, or Privateers, of the Enemy, ſhall have more Commiſſions or Offices than One, he or they ſhall be intitled only to the Share or Shares of the ſaid Prizes, and of the Bounty Money for the Enemies Ships of War, or Privateers, taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, which, according to the above-mentioned Diſtribution, ſhall belong to his or their reſpective ſuperior Commiſſions or Offices. And We do hereby ſtrictly enjoin all and every Commander and Commanders of any Ships of War taking any Prize, or taking, ſinking, burning, or deſtroying, any of the Enemies Ships of War, or Privateers, as ſoon as may be, to tranſmit, or cauſe to be tranſmitted, to the Commiſſioners of Our Navy, a true Liſt of the Names of all

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the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, or others, who were actually on Board Our Ships of War under his or their Command at the taking ſuch Prize, or at the taking, ſinking, burning, or deſtroying, any ſuch Ships of War, or Privateers, of the Enemy; which Liſt ſhall contain the Quality of the Service of each Perſon on Board, and be ſubſcribed by the Captain or Commanding Officer, and Three or more of the Chief Officers on Board. And We do hereby require and direct the Commiſſioners of Our Navy, or any Three or more of them, to examine, or cauſe to be examined, ſuch Liſts by the Muſter Books of ſuch Ships of War, and Liſts annexed thereto, to ſee that ſuch Liſts doth agree with the ſaid Muſter Book and annexed Liſts, as to the Names, Qualities, or Ratings of the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others, belonging to ſuch Ship of War; and, upon Requeſt, forthwith to grant a Certificate of the Truth of any Liſt tranſmitted to them, to the Agents nominated and appointed by the Captors, purſuant to the ſaid Act, to take Care or diſpoſe of ſuch Prize, or of ſuch Bounty Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed; and alſo, upon Application to them, to give, or cauſe to be given, unto the Agents who ſhall, at any Time or Times, be appointed as aforeſaid by the Captors, all ſuch Liſts from the Muſter Book of any ſuch Ships of War, and annexed Liſts, as the ſaid Agents ſhall find requiſite for their Direction in paying the Produce of ſuch Prizes, or the Bounty, in caſe any Bounty ſhall be due for taking the ſame, and to be otherwiſe aiding and aſſiſting to the ſaid Agents as ſhall be neceſſary. And as touching the ſaid One Eighth Part herein beforementioned to be granted to the Flag or Flag Officers, who ſhall be actually on Board at the taking of any Prize, or at the taking, ſinking, burning, or deſtroying, any Ships of War, or Privateers, of the Enemy, or ſhall be directing and aſſiſting therein, We have thought fit, and do, by theſe Preſents, publiſh, order and declare, That the following Regulations be obſerved; Firſt, That a Flag Officer commanding in Chief, where there is but One Flag Officer upon Service, ſhall have to his own Uſe the ſaid One Eighth Part of the Prizes taken, and Bounty Money for the Enemies Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or otherwiſe deſtroyed by Ships under his Command: Secondly, That a Flag Officer, ſent to command at Jamaica, or elſewhere, ſhall have no Right to any Share of the Prizes taken, or Bounty Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, by Ships employed there before he arrives at the Place to which he is ſent, and actually takes upon him the Command: Thirdly, That when an inferior Flag Officer or private Ships are ſent out to reinforce a ſuperior Flag Officer at Jamaica, or elſewhere, the ſaid ſuperior Flag Officer ſhall have no Right to any Share in the Prizes taken, or Bounty Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, by them, before they arrive within the Limits of his Command, and actually receive ſome Orders from him: Fourthly, That a Chief Flag Officer returning home from Jamaica, or elſewhere, ſhall have no Share of the Prizes taken, or Bounty Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, by the Ships left behind to act under another Command: Fifthly, That if a Flag Officer is ſent to command in the Out-Ports of this Kingdom, he ſhall have no Share of the Prizes taken, or Bounty Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, by Ships that ſailed from that Port by Order from the Admiraly: Sixthly, That when more Flag Officers than One ſerve together, the Eighth Part of the Prizes taken, and Bounty Money for the taking, ſinking, burning, or deſtroying, Ships of War, or Privateers of the Enemy, by any Ships of the Fleet, or Squadron, ſhall be divided in the following Proportions; videlicet, If there be but Two Flag Officers, the Chief ſhall have Two Third Parts of the ſaid One Eighth Part, and the other ſhall have the remaining Third Part; but if the Number of Flag Officers be more than Two, the Chief ſhall have only One Half, and the other Half ſhall be divided equally among the other Flag Officers: Seventhly, That Commodores, with Captains under them, ſhall be eſteemed as Flag Officers, with reſpect to their Right to an Eighth Part of Prizes taken, and Bounty Money for Ships taken, ſunk, burnt, or deſtroyed, whether commanding in Chief, or ſerving under Command.

Given at Our Court at *Kenſington*, the Seventh Day of *July*, 1756, in the Thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

Genoa, *June* 12. We are informed by the Maſter of a Pink arrived here from Barcelona, that on the 27th of laſt Month he fell in with ſeveral Algerine Corſairs off Cape Creo in the Catalonian Sea, who the next Day made a Deſcent upon the Coaſt, which ſo alarmed the Peaſants, that they immediately armed themſelves, and drove thoſe Pyrates back to their Veſſels, having killed and wounded ſeveral of them.

Dreſden, *June* 23. The King has had a ſevere Fit of the Gout, but he is now much better. His Majeſty, whilſt he was at Karga, upon the Frontiers of Poland, ſigned the Univerſalia for convoking a General Diet of the States of that Kingdom.

Frankfort, *June* 24. On Monday Morning laſt, the Duke of Deux Ponts arrived here, and in the Afternoon continued his Journey for Arolſen, in order to viſit the Princeſs of Waldeck his Siſter. We are informed by our laſt Advices from Straſbourg, that three Regiments of Foot, and two of Dragoons, which were in Garriſon in Alſace, are marched from thence into Provence.

Amſterdam, *June* 30. They write from Cadiz of the 9th Inſtant, that Commodore Baron Waſſenaer, in the Princeſs Caroline, with two other of our Men of War, and a large Convoy of Merchantmen, arrived ſafe in that Bay on the 6th.

Hague, *July* 1. The Deputies of the ſeveral Colleges of the Admiralty of this Country, who